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SUBJECT: DRAFT DECLARATION ON FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE USE OF THE MASS MEDIA IN STRENGTHENING PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND IN COMBATING WAR PROPAGANDA, RACISM AND APARTHEID

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1. DURING MEETING AUGUST 27TH WITH UN DEPARTMENT FCO, JOHN SYMONS INFORMED US EC NINE PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN TELEGRAPHIC DELIBERATIONS OVER BEST WAY TO EFFECT POSTPONEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECT DRAFT RESOLUTION IN L9TH GENERAL CONFERENCE (GC). ACCORDING TO SYMONS, CURRENT FEELING AMONG NINE IS THAT EVEN IF M'BOW IS APPROACHED, HE WILL BE UNABLE TO AVOID CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION. COMMUNITY WILL THEN BE LEFT WITH TWO OPTIONS: IT CAN WEIGH IN WITH LONG LIST OF AMENDMENTS
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TO DRAFT RESOLUTION -- A PROCESS WHICH WOULD PROBABLY

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CAUSE CONSIDERABLE DISRUPTION AND DELAY OF CONFERENCE -- OR AN ALTERNATE TEXT COULD BE PROPOSED WHICH WOULD CLEARLY ILLUSTRATE THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF REACHING A CONSENSUS. UK FEELS LATTER APPROACH IS PREFERABLE.

2. OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY (ODM) OFFICIALS DEALING WITH UNESCO QUESTIONS HAVE INDICATED TO FCO THAT A "DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING GROUP" MAY BE SET UP BY GC. ACCORDING TO ODM, CONTENTIOUS ISSUES COULD BE SHIFTED FROM THE FLOOR TO THIS QROUP. THE HOPE IS THAT, FACED WITH THE CERTAINTY THAT CONSENSUS CANNOT BE REACHED, IT WILL RECOMMEND POSTPONEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION UNTIL THE 20TH GC.

3. FCO WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP US INFORMED OF ITS DELIBERATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. SYMONS CONTINUES TO URGE THAT U.S. CIRCULATE ALTERNATE TEXT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE SAID FCO SEES THIS APPROACH AS BEST HOPE FOR EVENTUAL POSTPONEMENT.

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